

I believe that it is unreasonable to consider SBC/Ameritech for access to the Long Distance market until they have provided full and complete access to Local Telephone Providers as outlined in the Telecommunications Reform of 1996.

As a business owner, I am deeply concerned that I can only receive local telephone service with one provider - SBC/ Ameritech. And as a private citizen, I am further concerned that the limited choices I have for local service may not be in operation this time next year due to the bullying efforts of SBC on these smaller competitors.

I believe it is time, once again, to send a clear message to SBC/ Ameritech that they are forbidden to enter the Long Distance market until they have provided complete and unfettered access to the local telephone providers here in Michigan.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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